

Today's
Advertisements.

WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

LOCATION RECLAMATION,
WEST POINT.
CONTINUED SUCCESS
MAMMOTH DOUBLE ATTRACTION.
TO-NIGHT
AND
EVERY EVENING
FOLLOWING.

A GIGANTIC PROGRAMME,
comprising 15 New Numbers, including the
SENSATIONAL LIVERPOOL
STEEPLECHASE,
AND
FIRST APPEARANCE
OF THE FAMOUS
IMPERIAL CHING LING FOO
TROUPE
OF WONDER WORKERS.

PRICES AS USUAL.
Book Seats at BIRWILL'S BOOK STORE during
the day.
Box Plan for Mrs. WIRTH'S BENEFIT
on view TO-MORROW,
when Boxes can be obtained.

TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY)
GRAND AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE.
Doors Open at 2. Commence at 3.
For the convenience of Schools and Families
unable to attend the Evening Sessions,
When Children will be admitted to all parts of
the house at Half-price.
Each Child will be presented with a
Souvenir Portrait of
LITTLE MARIE WIRTH.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.
MONDAY NIGHT.
TESTIMONIAL BENEFIT TENDERED TO
Mrs. WIRTH,
Which will be under the distinguished Patronage of

His Excellency Sir
WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.,
and
MAJOR-GENERAL BLACK.
Hongkong, 7th August, 1896. 12221

ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY
OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

JAVA, CHINA, JAPAN LINE.

FOR SINGAPORE, RATAVIA, SAMARANG
AND SOERABAYA.

THE Steamship

"FEDERATION,"
Captain J. Prentice, will be despatched for the
above Ports on MONDAY, the 10th instant, at
5 P.M.

Through Bills of Lading issued for all Ports
in the East Indian Archipelago, Amsterdam,
Rotterdam, Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, London,
Naples, Leghorn and Trieste.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 7th August, 1896. 12226

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"SHANGHAI,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From Italy, 22 S.S. Clyde,
From Madras, 22 S.S. Secundus.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 4
P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 13th instant at 4 P.M.
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognized.

K. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 7th August, 1896. 12231

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING."

The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for consignment, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods, from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 7th August, 1896. 12236

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF
STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP AND
HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship
"ELISABETH RICKMERS,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon on the 14th instant, or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns where they will be
examined on the 14th instant, at 2 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th
instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before 2 P.M. TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 7th August, 1896. 12247

Today's
Advertisements.

GEO. FENWICK & CO., LIMITED.

A PRIVATE MEETING OF REGISTERED
SHAREHOLDERS of the above
COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG
HOTEL, on THURSDAY, the 13th August, at
5 P.M., to discuss important business matters.
Hongkong, 7th August, 1896. 12248

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison
with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1896. 1227

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS
OF
AERATED WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is
fitted with the best English Machinery, embodying
the latest improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the
utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the
Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated
Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and
placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and
the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies
when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will
receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always
kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER,

SODA WATER,

LEMONADE,

POTASH WATER,

SELTZER WATER,

LITHIA WATER,

SARSAPARILLA WATER,

TONIC WATER,

GINGER ALE,

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or
greasy, or that appear to have been used for any
other purpose than that of containing Aerated
Waters, as such Bottles are never used again
by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 4th July, 1896.

MARRIAGE.

At H.B.M. Consulate, Bangkok, on 27th July,
by Mr. W. R. D. Reckett, Acting Consul-General,
and subsequently at the Anglican Church, by
the Rev. Canon Greenstock, THOMAS MAYLAND
UPPER, of the Bombay Burma Trading Corporation,
5th son of the late Major Roger Dawson
Upper, 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, and late of
Gateshead-on-Tyne, to MARGARET ELIZABETH,
fourth daughter of Mr. J. CAIRNS.

DEATH.

On the 31st ult., at "The Cottage," Woodville
Estate, Serangoon Road, Singapore, after a short
illness, MABEL JESSIE, the beloved daughter of
James and Julia M. Angus (and granddaughter of
late Gilbert Angus), aged 22 years.

IN MEMORIAM

the late Captain, Officers and Crew of H.B.M.
gunboat "LITIS." A Service will be held on
SUNDAY, at 11 o'clock, in the German Chapel,
No. 1, High Street.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1896.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

LI HUNG-CHANG.

LONDON, August 6th.

Li Hung-chang has been received in audience
by Queen Victoria at Osborne.

DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Government has been defeated in the
House of Lords by a majority of nine, on an
amendment to the Irish Labour Bill. The defeat
is considered important, but is said to argue
badly for the Irish Land Bill.

CRICKET.

Glosters playing Sussex at Bristol scored
551 runs in the first innings, of which Dr. W. G.
Grace made 301.

The Australians have beaten Warwickshire
by an innings and sixty runs.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Messrs Wm. ADAMSON and C. STRINGER,
who represented the Singapore Chamber
of Commerce at the recent Congress of
Chambers of Commerce in London, in the
course of their interesting report on
the work done at and the general results
of the Congress (for which we trust to be
able to find space in our next issue) state
they "voted for the Canadian-Australian
Cable as a step towards a competitive route
to India and advocated a reduction of the
present oppressive rates to the Far East."

It is added that the Straits representatives
understood the proposed Official Vocabulary
would not be adopted at the Buda-Pesth Conference. Messrs. ADAMSON
and STRINGER appear to have
been not only seen at the Congress,
but one at least of them delivered
a forcible and most interesting speech,
of which a complete report was published in
our columns about two weeks ago. Hong-
kong's representative at the Congress
doubtless voted with his colleagues of the
Straits, but as far as the published reports
go he does not appear to have taken an
active part in any discussion, and we
therefore look forward with considerable
curiosity to his report of the proceedings
to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,
which will doubtless be published
by the Chamber in due course.

We are glad to learn that the Straits
representatives voted for the Canadian-
Australian Cable as a step towards a
competitive route to India, and that they
advocated a reduction of the "present
oppressive rates to the Far East." In
so doing they were fully justified, for
the exorbitant charges for ordinary
messages to and from the East are cer-
tainly much higher than there is any
necessity for. But if Messieurs ADAMSON
and STRINGER were on the right
side of the hedge in advocating at the
Congress a reduction of what they style—
and very rightly term—"the present
oppressive rates to the Far East," surely
there is reason now for a strong
protest on the subject, for the reply to
their advocacy of a reduction has been the
reverse of what might fairly, and in justice,
have been expected. We refer to the
notice issued by the Eastern Extension
and Great Northern Companies a few
days ago in which a considerable
increase in the tariff is announced.

The reasons given therefor being attrib-
uted to "the continued depreciation of
silver and the fact that the Companies'
out-payments to other Telegraph Ad-
ministrations for further transmission of
telegrams beyond their own systems in
the East are fixed in gold." It has there-
fore been found necessary to charge, since
the 1st August, for telegrams to Europe
and America the following rates:—To
Europe, 82.75; California, 83.51; Illinois,
83.37; New York, 83.25. As was only to
be expected, the very next day the
Chinese Telegraph Administration raised
its rates, giving the same reasons for its
action as did its foreign competitors.

It is to be hoped that the creation of a
competitive route—the Canadian-Australian
Cable—will be hurried forward as
speedily as possible, as therein alone
seems to lie the least hope of bringing
down the tariff to a reasonable level and
keeping it there. Why all this outcry
about the "continued depreciation of
silver" at this juncture? Is it a fact
that the depreciation is more keenly felt
now than while Sir JOHN FENNER was
alive and at the helm in London? Is it
not a fact that the fall in exchange rates
gratuitously affects the merchants who have
to use the wires, and without whom the
Eastern Extension and Great Northern
Companies could not exist? If Messieurs
ADAMSON and STRINGER had reason to
term the rates "oppressive" two months
ago—and we know they were well within
the mark when they did so—surely the
Chambers of Commerce in the Far East
now have cause to protest vigorously
against rates which can only be regarded
as exorbitant in the extreme, and appeal,
if need be, in the proper quarter for the
interference of Government. Surely the
Companies are not impregnable. It may
be possible to pierce their armour if the
shot is delivered from the right direction.
We are surprised at the action of the
Telegraph Companies, for we fail to see
that they have made out a good case, and
we regret that we are unable to detect
any desire on their part to meet the
merchants' half way.

THE TYPHOON.

Senor José de Navarro, Spanish Consul at
this port, has courteously favoured us with
a copy of the following telegram received from
Manila:—

"MANILA, August 7th.
1.08 p.m.

The storm announced yesterday is a cyclone.
It will probably cross the island to-night be-
tween Lat. 15 and 16. Its direction now
seems to be S.E. to N.W.

HONGKONG OBSERVATORY REPORTS.
The Observatory officials report to-day as
follows:—On the 7th at 10.30 a.m.—The Typhoon
appears to have entered Luzon to the South-
ward of Bolinao. At 11.30 a.m. a further con-
siderable decrease of pressure has taken place
at Bolinao and the barometer has also fallen on
the S. and S.E. coast of China. In the extreme
North, pressure is increasing in view of the
depression near Wladivostok yesterday. Fore-
cast:—N.W. or variable winds, light breeze.
At 4 p.m. the barometer read 29.80, falling.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M. Store-ship *Humbar* is due here to-morrow.

It is reported that the *Straits Independent* is
dead.

Two cases of plague were reported to-day—
one each in the city and Kowloon, from Canton.

H.M.S. *Pique* has left the cruising squadron
and is at Yokohama, while the *Leander*, stationed
at the latter place, has joined the Admiral at
Nakodetsu.

COLONEL DENBY, United States Minister to
China, left Nagasaki for Tientsin on the 27th
ultimo.

AN inquest was held this morning upon the body
of the man who died after the recent fight at
Quarry Bay. A verdict of manslaughter was
recorded.

JUDGMENT in the case of the China Import,
Export, and Bank Co. v. the Ocean Steamship
Co. was given late this afternoon in favour of
the defendants.

THE agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Com-
pany informs us, too late to alter the advertise-
ment, that the departure of the *Galle* is post-
poned until to-morrow at 6 p.m.

THE regulations for the forthcoming Interna-
tional Exposition at Paris are published in the
Japanese *Official Gazette*. Why have they not
appeared in the *Hongkong Gazette*?

LINTON, the English bicyclist, at Catford
recently, covered thirty-one miles and five yards
in an hour, thus beating the world's record all
the way from three miles to thirty-nine miles.

CAPTAIN LASING having returned to Germany
by the *Prins Heinrich*, Captain Z-chariah, the
chief officer of the *Stettin*, has been promoted
to the command of the *Sumatra*, ranging
between Singapore and Deli.

THE annual general meeting of the Singapore
Masonic Club was held on the 31st ult., when
the following Committee was elected:—Messrs
W. Makepeace, J. D. Stuart, E. Brinkworth, J.
Banks, Lyon, Schaefer, and J. P. Joaquim.

LAI MIT, the murderer of a Chinese detective,
under circumstances detailed by us recently
to be tried at Nampoa on Sunday and Mon-
day. Captain Lethbridge is to take the witness
there and be present at the trial on behalf
of the Government.

THE steam merry-go-round at West Point con-
tinues to grow in favour with all classes in the
colony, and is nightly becoming the centre of
large numbers of Europeans and Chinese, who
seem never to tire of the sport and the antics of
the more venturesome persons who undertake a
trip on the bounding horses.

THE ironclad *Chinyuen*, captured from China,
now the *Chinyuen*, is once more ready for active
service, having had several quick-firing guns
added to her armament. She is to be the flagship
of the Imperial Japanese Standing Squadron.
She looks so much smarter and more serviceable
now than when in Chinese hands that Emperor
Kwang-si wouldn't know her again!

THE distribution of prizes by H. E. the General
Officer Commanding and Volunteer Promenade
Concert will take place at Volunteer Head-
Quarters this evening at 9 o'clock. Invitations
and tickets issued for the 25th ult., will be
available for this date. Should the weather
be unfavourable the distribution of prizes and
concert will take place in the Volunteer Institute.

LAST evening about 7.30, a Russian electrician
named W. Coderik, who has been living in
Hongkong a few months, attempted to commit
suicide by shooting himself in the chest. He
has been living at No. 60 Cross Street, and the
occupants of the floor above him, hearing two
revolver shots, found on running down that he
had fired two shots from a small calibre pin-fire
revolver into his chest. He was at once removed
to the Government Civil Hospital by the Police,
and strong hopes are entertained of his recovery.

NOTABLE graduates from the medical depart-
ment of the University of Michigan are two
Chinese young ladies, who finished with a fine
record for scholarship. They were (according
to the *Prisco Chronicle* of 8th July), sent to the
University by Miss Charlotte Howe of the
mission school at Kiching, and are to act as
medical missionaries in China. They are among
the first Chinese to be graduated from the Ann
Arbor University, but others are expected there,
as President Angell's name is widely and
favourably known in China since his Ministry
there in 1878 and 1879.

WIRTH'S Circus again attracted a good house
last night, when the second programme was
well carried out. A matinee will be given to-
morrow afternoon for the benefit of the
little folk, when each child will receive as a
souvenir a photograph of Miss Muriel Wirth.
The benefit tendered to Mrs. Wirth on Monday
night promises to be a great success, and will be
under the patronage of his Excellency the Gov-
ernor, and in the presence of H. E. General Black.
The management announce that the plan for
Monday will be opened at Brewer's to-morrow,
and recommend early booking, to avoid dis-
appointment. Doors open for the evening per-
formances at 8 p.m., commencing at 9 o'clock.

THE recent naval manoeuvres were on a larger
scale than any yet attempted. They opened with a
preliminary cruise which was followed by tactical
exercises. A sham battle was the next feature
of the programme. The ships were divided into
channel and reserve fleets. The latter, according to
the scheme, protected the coast against the Channel
squadron. Great Britain sent to the sea upon
this occasion a larger naval force than was ever
before mobilized by one Power in the history of
the world. There was a big increase compared
even with 1895. The number of ships which
took part in the manoeuvres was about 105,
as compared with 75 vessels which were sent to
sea for the same purpose last year. Every
class of vessel was employed, including 15
battleships, 25 cruisers, 21 gunboats, 20 torpedo
destroyers, 14 torpedo-boats, and a number of
despatch vessels and other craft. There were
22,000 men on board these vessels. The leading
point to be decided by the manoeuvres was
expected to be whether torpedo-destroyers can
effectually protect blockading ships against
torpedo-boats.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY—7th August.

9 p.m.—Wirth's Circus and Menagerie, at West
Point.

9 p.m.—Concert at Volunteer's Head-Quarters.

TO-MORROW—8th August.

Noon.—*Zealandia* leaves for Yokohama, B.C., and
Tacoma, via Kobe and Yokohama.

8 p.m.—*Galle* leaves for San Francisco, via
usual ports of call.

THE prospects of early rice, jute, indigo, and
sugar-cane are reported good in Bengal; some
damage was caused by floods to the crops in
Cuttack; rain is still badly wanted in parts of the
Punjab and cattle are dying in Hissar and
Rohtak.—*Rangoon Times*.

A DECADE has, according to the *L. & C. Ex-
press* of the 10th July, been issued increasing
the effective strength of the Spanish force in the
Philippine Islands to 17,666 men. The Govern-
ment has also under contemplation the establish-
ment of a naval arsenal in the island of Luzon,
so as to obviate the necessity for Spanish men-
of-war to go to Hongkong for repairs.

Five coolies who were attempting to "rush" the
ferry-launches yesterday afternoon, and refused
to obey the orders of the Sikh constable on duty,
were this morning charged before Captain
Hastings with disorderly conduct. Fines up to
\$7 were imposed by the Magistrate, who an-
nounced his intention of doing all in his power to
check the disorder that the crowds of coolies
occasion at certain hours daily.

AT Singapore on the 28th ultimo the steamer
Santa Borna, built to the order of Mr. Ang Lin
Thay, was launched from Messrs Riley,
Hargrave & Co.'s shipyard. The new steamer
is 750 tons gross register. She is 195 feet long
and 29 feet beam; depth of hold 13 ft. 9 in.;
carrying capacity 900 tons D.W. The vessel
and machinery have been built to Lloyd's special
survey, classed 100 A1. The machinery is of
the highest class, triple expansion type, with
cylinders 17 in. by 27 in., by 43 in., by 33 in. stroke,
700 indicated h.p., and calculated to drive the
steamer at a speed of 12 knots.

THE *Japan Herald* says that Mr. A. C. Sim
was to leave Yokohama en route for Ogle-
bama, on the 22nd ult., by the N. Y. K. steamship
Sakura Maru. Mr. Sim, adds our Yokohama
contemporary, is the honorary agent of the
Kobe Relief Committee, and takes with him an
immense stock of supplies to the sufferers by
the seismic wave disaster of June 15th. As well
as money, he takes up some thirty tons of freight,
consisting of all sorts of supplies, including
kimonos and dress stuffs, towels, nets and
cargoes, *Abachi*, Japanese towels, balls for
building, tools and utensils of all sorts and sundry
other necessaries; but no rice or other
food is to be taken. From Oglebama Mr.
Sim will proceed further north to the afflicted
district in the small N. Y. K. steamship *Chikotsu
Maru*, that has been placed at his disposal by
the company. He will call in at the various
devastated villages and towns, bestowing help
where he can, and leaving materials and funds
with the local authorities wherever he sees a
properly appointed committee ready to
administer such relief.

HAVENS AND ROTTERS TELEGRAMS.

A SOLITARY subscriber to our country, who had
got tired of waiting for Reuters' telegrams to arrive,
evolved the following under the above heading
and sent them along to the *Stam Observer*,
which, hoping for the best, gave publicity to the
news, as follows:—

Pretoria, 6 a.m.—President Kruger was found
in his bath room. He had towels, bath gloves,
sax, etc., but the *Times* thinks it was only a
shallow pretence, and that he didn't go to wash.
Good old *Times*!

Meeklen, 2 a.m.—H. E. Li Hung-chang fell
out of the starboard port hole and caught a cold.
Since then he has carried his coughs around
with him.

No 17, 9 p.m.—Belgium and Japan have
arrived at an understanding by which the one
agrees, so long as they both shall live, to supply
the other with fans and chrysanthemums, in
exchange for canned Clydesdales.

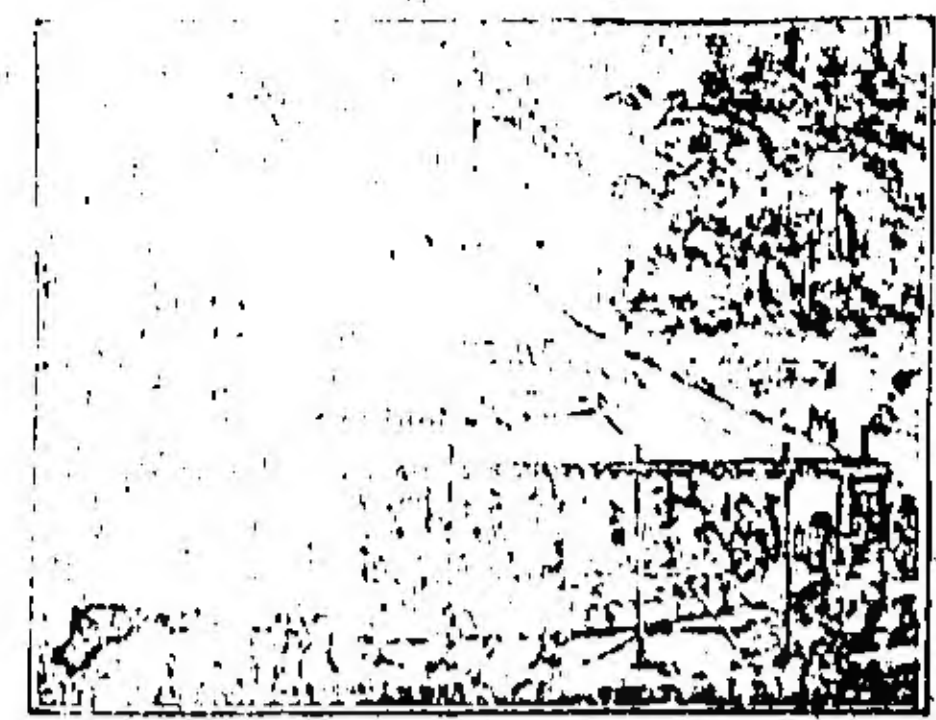
Peklat, 4 noon.—The French Mediterranean
Squadron has been found up a fine apple tree,
trying to account for the milk in the cocoanuts
and congratulating each other upon the alliance
between Thais and the Prince of Wales.

SIR VESSEY HAMILTON's article upon "The
Manning of the Navy" in the *United States
Magazine* is a timely discussion of some points
put forward in the prize essay and others
published with it by the Royal United
Service Institution. To deal with so vast
a question in limited space must have been
a difficult task, but the Admiral brings
to bear his life experience tersely and with
much force. In the first place, he is con-
vinced that, in the present condition of the
merchant marine, it would be impossible for men
trained in the discipline and with the advantages
of the navy to enter it, and he cites many facts
in support of his contention. Whereas in his
young days there was but a narrow ditch between
the two services, there exists now, he says,
a great gulf which can be filled only by
better pay, provisions, and treatment in
the merchant marine. He cannot agree with
Commander Honner's proposal to enter lads,
from eighteen to twenty, for a period of five years,
in the navy; then

and it is the power to help nature work this transformation that makes Mother Selge's Syria a beautiful & terrifying island.

Amusement.

JUST ARRIVED! JUST ARRIVED!



THE GREAT AMERICAN STEAM RIDING GALLERY.

WITH ALL THE LATEST IMPROVEMENTS. CH. RIGGS CARRIAGES AND GALLOPING HORSES. SP. MILD MUSIC. BIG TENT AND EVERYTHING FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC.

The Young Folks like it. The Old Folks like it. They all like it, they cannot help it. For never has Hongkong been visited by a more popular form of enjoyment and amusement for years.

COME EARLY! COME EARLY! EVERY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT. RAIN OR SHINE PERFECTLY SAFE. ONLY 10 CENTS A RIDE, 10 CENTS.

RECLAMATION GROUND, PRAYA, WEST POINT. Hongkong, 22nd July, 1896. [1166]

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CRV HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the Fifteenth day of August, next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1896.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. [1195]

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By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. [1196]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 24th August, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary. [1214]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT. (ONE DOLLAR AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1896, will be paid to the Shareholders who are registered as SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company on MONDAY, the 11th August, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August, both days inclusive.

By Order, EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary. [1244]

MID-FORMOSA RELIEF FUND.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are earnestly collected for the RELIEF of the INHABITANTS of MID-FORMOSA, RENDERED HOMELESS through the late disturbances, a full report of which has been published in the Hongkong and Shanghai Newspapers.

It is roughly estimated that at least FORTY THOUSAND PEOPLE have been forced to take refuge in the HILL Country, from the Towns and Villages in and around the Hoonin district.

Of this number, it is calculated that Twenty-five thousand are without shelter and totally unprotected for. The distress reported is lamentable, and hopeless of alleviation without material and speedy assistance.

A Committee will be formed to arrange for the distribution of money collected. Meanwhile the Undersigned makes an earnest APPEAL on behalf of the SUFFERERS. Subscribers are kindly requested to pay their donations to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, at Hongkong, Shanghai or Amoy, specifying such payments as being on behalf of the MID-FORMOSA RELIEF FUND.

ALLAN W. BAIN, Treasurer, South Formosa, 1st August, 1896. [1238]

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